

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please add on page 1, line 2, the following heading:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION --.

Please add on page 2, line 12, the following heading:

-- SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION --

Pages 2 and 3, please replace fourth paragraph with the following:

- - A first aspect of the invention provides a restraint device for an animal, the device comprising a neck collar for the animal having inter-engagable ends, a surface of the collar having longitudinally spaced apart lead guide means mounted on either side of the longitudinal ~~center~~center of the collar; a lead passing through said lead guide means and having stop means at each end to which a leash is attachable; slider means mounted on the lead, located between said guide means and arranged to allow a portion of the lead to assume a generally noose-like shape to encompass the nose and mouth region of the animal, wherein the lead comprises securing means at or towards either end thereof, arranged to be secured or securable together or secured or securable to said guide means once the leash has been removed from said stop means. - -

Page 3, please replace first full paragraph with the following:

- - Preferably, said guide means are arranged as two outer guide means which are engagable with said stop means and two inner guide means which are located one on each side of the longitudinal ~~center~~center of the collar, said securing means preferably being securable to said inner guide means. - -

Please add on page 4, line 18, the following heading:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS --

Please add on page 5, line 5, the following heading:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS --

Page 5, please replace fourth full paragraph with the following:

- -Two pairs of loops are fixed to a surface of the collar 1, e.g. by stitching to act as lead guide means. The inner pair L1, L2 are located about 2.54 cm apart on each side of the longitudinal ~~center~~center of the collar 2. The outer pair of loops L3, L4 are spaced an equal distance away from the longitudinal ~~center~~center of the collar 2. The loops act as lead guide means for a lead or strap 4 which, in use, runs through each of the loops L1-L4. The loops L1 to L4 are made of a metal which will not cause an allergic reaction. The lead 4 is narrower than the collar 2 and is also made of strong textile material or webbing. - -